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Hannah Hunsinger | Collegian A lone player practices in the new basketball training facility, located east of Bramlage Coliseum, on Thursday. The building is 50,000 square feet and features weight training

staff writer

Nicolas Wahl

A group of K-State fans and alumni got the chance to tour the new K-State basketball training facility Thursday on a guided tour hosted by Chad Weiberg, senior associate athletic director for development with K-State Athletics.

The 50,000 square foot building sits nearly adjacent to the east side of Bramlage Coliseum and houses the men's and women's basketball teams.

Upon entering the building from either main entrance, individuals are met with a variety of K-State basketball related information and memorabilia. The west entrance opens to the Berney Family Reception Center, named on behalf of the family of Rand and Patti Berney, who have a \$5 million gift commitment to K-State. The entire building was funded with private donations which covered the more than \$18 million cost of completion.

"One thing we noticed when we got here was all of the different names in different areas of the building," said Kristen Garcia, a K-State alum. "Each place is named for someone who helped make it happen."

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Little Apple Veterinary Hospital accredited by AAHA



Dr. Elizabeth Lindquist examines Thor, a dog boarding at the Little Apple Veterinary Hospital, on Tuesday afternoon. Little Apple Veterinary Hospital has been accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association and takes care of reptiles, birds and other exotic pets in addition to cats and dogs.

Sydnie Olliff

During college, students often use their newfound freedom to stay out late, assert their independence and occasionally try their hand at raising an animal. Many of these students and other pet owners in the Manhattan area put the care of their furry, slimy or scaly friends in the hands of Little Apple Veterinary Hospital.

The hospital, formerly known as the Little Apple Veterinary Clinic, was founded in 1995, and Dr. Elizabeth Lindquist purchased the clinic in 1999. În 2005 a bigger building was built to provide for the clinic's growing clientele and expansion of services. The new facility was renamed the Little Apple Veterinary Hospital.

Little Apple Veterinary Hospital,

located on Seth Child Road, offers preventative health programs, including medical examinations, vaccinations, spaying and neutering. Their facility houses an X-ray unit and processor, a laboratory and an intensive care unit. Secondary services include grooming, dental, boarding and play time for pets. The staff caters to a variety of

pet owners. "We also take care of exotic pets, including reptiles and birds," Lindquist said. "Between people in the military and college students, these pets seem easier to move or keep in an apartment or a dorm room, as opposed to having a dog

In addition to the extensive services the facility offers, Little Apple Veterinary Hospital is also set apart

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People facing suicide deserve respect, love, not stigma

Cara Hillstock

There is something we need to talk about that we never do: suicide. We must talk about it. We need to. We must change how we think and talk about suicide if we are ever to have a hope of preventing it.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students. In fact, according to an American College Health



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International Survivors of Suicide Day is observed on Nov. 17 to raise awareness of suicide and honor memories of loved ones who have been lost.

Association study in 2002, 1 in 12 college students has made a suicide plan at some point and 1.5 out of every 100 have attempted it.

Suicide is not committed by wimps who had one bad thing happen to them and "couldn't deal." Suicide does not happen because people "didn't try hard enough" to get better. It does not happen because people were "too weak." It is not because of "natural selection." When it happens, we should not be ashamed and look away and should not refuse to acknowledge it or our feelings about it.

Suicide is something that happens to people we know, people we love and dearly care about, people we've seen but never spoken to. It happens to people who are White, Black, male, female, poor and

Suicide is something that happens because people are deeply suffering and some fought hard to overcome it, but were instead overcome. It is not something shameful. People who are dealing with suicide and depression do not deserve to feel ashamed or judged. They deserve our respect, our admiration and our help.

Suicide is something that we can all work together to help prevent, if we only allow ourselves to look at it and address it instead of feeling so uncomfortable that we must look the other way.

Tyrel Lee "Tye" Dieball, a Manhattan resident, committed suicide in January of this year. When his mother, Kathy Dieball, was asked what had happened, she simply said, "He took a shotgun and shot himself" in the heart with it."

She did not hesitate. She was not

Pamela Hanson, Tyrel's cousin, said his suicide motivated her to speak out.

"It made me realize it's a lot easier for it to happen to your family," she said. "You always think it's not going to happen and

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Management instructor receives high ratings from K-State students on website

Jeana Lawrence

When students begin enrolling for classes, a common practice is to look up professors and their courses. Students typically evaluate classes on how they fit their schedules, level of difficulty and who is teaching.

One popular resource is ratemyprofessors.com, where stu-dents can provide feedback on previous courses and teachers. Donita Whitney-Bammerlin, instructor of management, is one of the most highly-rated K-State teachers on the site.

Ratemyprofessor.com K-State an overall 4.2 rating and gives its professors a 3.68 on overall quality. Whitney-Bammerlin has a 5.0 rating overall, out of 5.0. Her score is further split into helpfulness, clarity and easiness. Whitney-Bammerlin received a 5.0 in helpfulness, 5.0 in clarity

and 3.8 in easiness.

Teaching is my vocation and profession," Whitney-Bammerlin said. "I've always been a teacher and a learner."

Whitney-Bammerlin became interested in teaching at a young age. Her parents, who both worked in agriculture, influenced her teaching aspirations. They taught her that everyone is a learner, and even today she said her parents are still learning and curious about the world.

Whitney-Bammerlin grew up in Keats, Kan., a small town about 4 miles north of Manhattan. She chose to graduate from K-State not only because it was geographically close to her family, but also because she had a meager upbringing and her family could not afford out-of-state tuition.

"My parents are my first and best teachers," Whitney-Bammerlin said. "Both have always turned everyday events and adventures

into teachable moments and lessons to learn."

While at K-State, Whitney-Bammerlin explored different classes and majors before deciding on a degree in teaching.

I realized that a teacher uses every discipline in one way or another. Hence, I declared education as my major," Whitney-Bammerlin said. "I cannot think of a class that I took in college that I have not put to use by teaching

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Donita Whitney-Bammerlin, instructor of management, stands outside of Calvin Hall where her office is located. Whitney-Bammerlin received a 5.0 rating on a popular website, ratemyprofes-





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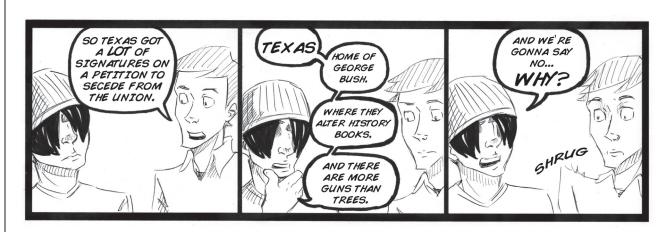
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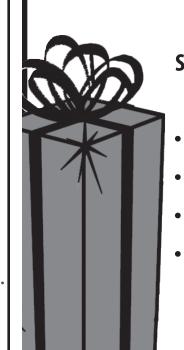
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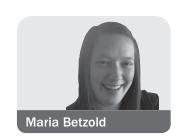
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Black Friday, while fun, brings out worst in shoppers



Black Friday shopping is like a widely-known and spreading illness. Oddly enough, everyone gets the same symptoms on the same day of the year. You have been warned: it's contagious, and its symptoms include anger, frustra tion, crying and potentially death.

If it's not a giant line that wraps around a building at 2 a.m., waiting for the doors to open, it's a riot over a television. The way people treat this holiday seems to be totally out

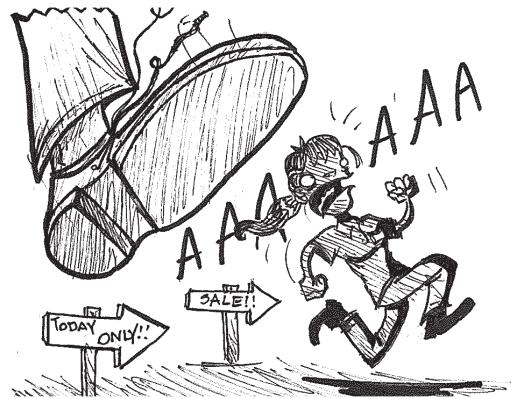
I'm from Hutchinson, Kan., and I have a few Black Friday stories to

Last year, at Wal-Mart, an entire aisle fell over onto the next aisle. My best friend, who worked at the store, said that all the managers were called to the scene to fix it since they were the only people with the authority to deal with an

issue of that extremity.

Having worked at Target for three years, I know the ins and outs of the holiday season. In my opinion, Black Friday is the one day each year that adults can act like children. I'm thankful that in my three years of retail no one has ever died or been injured in my store due to the amount of people in such a small area. In many parts of the country, there have been brutal

Last November, according to a Nov. 29, 2011, International Business Times article by Aditi Mathur, two men in a crowd of thousands pulled out rifles and shot each



other on Black Friday. Both men died while a woman who was eight months pregnant was taken to the hospital after being suffocated in the chaos. According to the article, she was not the only one with injuries from this incident.

That is madness. Why do humans treat each other like this? I think that people should treat others better, despite the Black Friday craze. The holiday season is supposed to be about giving,

Black Friday can be a fun holiday when you are trying to find a good deal on a toy for your child or competing for that giant television that is 35 percent off only at 4 a.m. Sure,

good deals make humans happy, but getting trampled and/or shot does not result in happiness. Ever.

On YouTube, if you search "people trampled on Black Friday," you'll get over 200 results. There should not be more than 200 videos relating to trampled people and Black Friday, however, the two now have a correlation.

Last year, a Nov. 25, 2011, Detroit Free Press article reported that a woman shot pepper spray at other shoppers to keep them from getting to the high-demand merchandise she wanted, and 20 people suffered minor injuries because of the

Black Friday has turned into a

Illustration by Parker Wilhelm

competition of who can get what they want first. I've seen it at its fullest in the last three years. Last year, I opened at Target at midnight. Shoppers rushed in the doors so fast that the employees and managers proceeded to yell "Walk!" as loudly as they could because safety is a priority on Black Friday. In the New York Times, Ellie

Fox, 72, shared her story about Black Friday. She stood in line for a laptop computer, but when she got into the store and discovered they were sold out, she immediately gave up Black Friday shopping, according to a Nov. 25, 2011, article by Stephanie Clifford and Christopher Maag. She said she had tried

it once and failed to see why she should try it again.

I love Black Friday and all the madness that comes with it, but I do think that people should be nicer to each other. I mean, really, no one has to pepper spray others to get what they want. Rain checks are available on some Black Friday merchandise. Just ask and a store clerk will be happy to help you. It's

Last year I worked at the service desk, so I was limited to only returns and exchanges. Later in the afternoon, after the madness, I had to deal with the aftermath of cashier mistakes, missed coupons and price adjustments. Employees cannot adjust everything that is, supposedly, in the wrong place because so many people are in and out of the store on Black Friday that we can't ensure a consumer is not trying to rip off the corporation.

When I was little, I remember standing in a huge line in the cold with my mom. Every year, she had to get a free snow globe at JC Penny, which was located in the mall, and then we would walk around everywhere else and look for good deals.

Personally, I think that Black Friday is a great way to have fun and kick off holiday shopping. However, as a retail worker, I recognize that Black Friday can get out of hand if the situation presents itself. I am thankful that nothing catastrophic has happened in my retail experience.

Even though Black Friday is a holiday of many faces, it is still celebrated at retail stores throughout the United States. The good deals will keep coming as long as consumers continue to demand them.

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Turkey troubles: Vegetarianism on Thanksgiving can be challenging



Thanksgiving is associated with spending time with family, appreciating blessings in our lives and, most of all, eating. We gorge ourselves on turkey, stuffing, ham, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, green bean cas-serole and a plethora of other dishes specifically designed to make everyone eat until they're miserable and ready to sleep for the rest of the afternoon.

Last Thanksgiving, however, I passed up most of these goodies because of a lifestyle choice I had made in May of 2011. I had decided to become a vegetarian, partially for the health benefits of giving up meat and focusing on fruits and vegetables and partially because I love animals.

However, most of what compelled me stemmed from a need to simply prove that I could do it. I hardly ate red meat, and I felt that I could give up chicken and tuna without much of a fuss.

I chose not to forgo dairy and eggs since animals aren't harmed in the making of them (disregarding the idea that an egg is alive; I'm not here to argue about rights) and to simply live as a lacto-ovo vegetarian.

This proved more difficult than I had planned. At the time, I lived in Hays, which made

it difficult to find vegetarian protein supplements. Because had cut meat out of my diet, I tried to eat more peanut butter, eggs and protein shakes, but my diet still needed more sustenance. One store carried vegetarian imitation chicken breasts, so that made up the bulk of my protein. I dubbed this magical substance "fake chicken."

My family didn't agree with my lifestyle change. They constantly asked me when I was going to "get past this phase" and "start eating with the family again." I grew up in a meat-andpotatoes household, so my mother had no idea how to feed me when I came home and simply substituted all the meat in our meals with cheese.

Needless to say, I either ate a lot of salad or consumed the entirety of my calorie content via Velveeta.

Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner proved to be the biggest challenges. My grandma forgot that I didn't eat meat and made beef stew for lunch. I ended up scouring the fridge and throwing together a salad.

At Thanksgiving dinner, I loaded my plate with the veg-etables and fruits at the table, finishing my meal with a piece of chocolate pie. Just as I was taking my last bite, my brother asked how I could eat something with pudding. This was when I learned

about the sneaky foods that don't follow vegetarian diet guidelines. Foods like pudding, gelatin, marshmallows and ramen noodles seasoning are made of animal byproducts such as hooves and bone

marrow. Even certain kinds of processed cheeses are cultured with animal byproducts.

He explained this to me as I guiltily pushed my empty plate away, vowing never again to ingest pudding.
I had aimed to continue

this lifestyle for a full year, but because of a rigorous exercise schedule. I began to lose too much weight and my hair started to thin. I ended my vegetarianism last March to allay my family's concerns over my health, but I learned a lot in the process.

For those of you considering giving up meat for an extended period of time, I offer a few suggestions. Taking a vitamin supplement can give you anything your body may be lacking during this period. You can also eat other foods rich in protein such as quinoa, beans, nuts, tofu or supplements.

Watch for unexpected hair loss or weight loss and, most of all, take care of yourself. By cutting meat out of my diet, I became more energized and less lethargic, but if done the wrong way a vegetarian diet can have the opposite effects.

For those of you making the brave attempt during the heartiest of holidays, allrecipes.com features a vegetarian Thanksgiving page that shows various ways for vegetarians to enjoy sweet potatoes, salads, cranberry sauces and other delightful dishes. Turkey and gravy will just make your family

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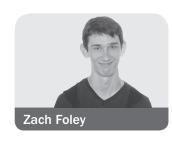




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Kelsey Grammer epitome of horrible parent



There are many different ways to be a bad father, from forgetting your child's birthday to losing them at the grocery store, but recently Kelsey Grammer added a new way to the list by taking his infant daughter to a party at the Playboy Mansion.

Grammer said he had no choice but to bring his 3-month-old daughter to the party because he and his wife have yet to find a trusted babysitter or nanny for her. His wife is also still breastfeeding, which is another excuse Grammer made for his poor parenting.

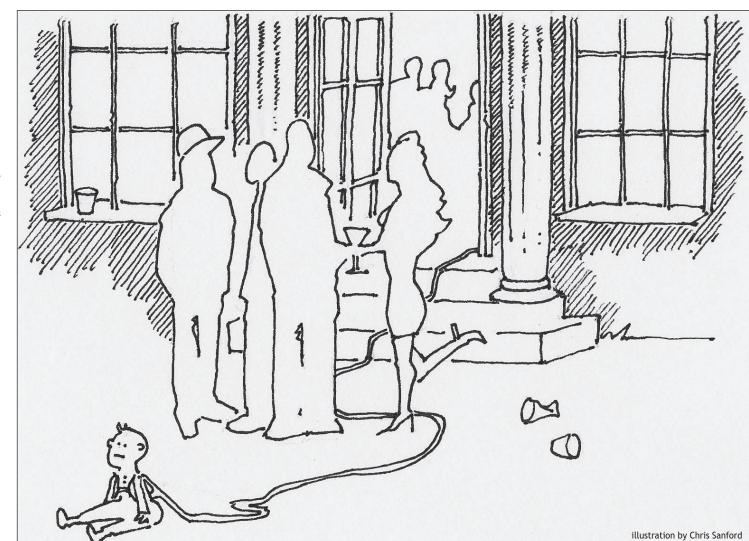
There are so many questions this situation brings up. Why did they have to go out at all? Why did the mother not stop this madness? Most importantly, why does someone as old as Kelsey Grammer have an infant at all?

First of all, most parents with newborns don't go out at all. And if they do, they leave their baby at home. As one of the playmates so eloquently tweeted, "Why the fk does Kelsey Grammer have a newborn baby at the Mansion

Misuse of punctuation aside, this girl has a very good point. What could posses any sane human being to take their child to a party at what is basically a giant sex palace?

Speaking of sanity, why did this child's mother not put a stop to this? Considering the occupations of Grammer's past wives — a playboy playmate and a stripper — it would not be too surprising if most recent wife Kayte wasn't the brightest crayon in the box.

Little is known about Kayte other than that she is 25 years younger than her husband. Maybe the couple felt at home at the Playboy Mansion; being an old man with a much younger woman must have



made Grammer feel like Hugh Hefner.

Grammer has many things that show his age other than his grey hair. Firstly, his oldest daughter Spencer Grammer is 29, two years younger than his latest wife and more than a hundred times older than her newest sister.

Secondly, he is a grandfather with a grandchild older than his own child; Spencer Grammer gave birth to a son last year. If Kelsey wanted to live out his twilight years going to parties at the Playboy Mansion, maybe he should have thought of that before having another child.

Other questionable parenting choices made by Grammer during the party include covering the child's ears so that she couldn't hear what was going on and pretending that leaving the party at midnight was reasonable. If Grammer was actually was dumb enough to cover Faith's ears, I hope he did not use ear plugs to keep the sound out. That is a choking hazard waiting to

As for Grammer's comment that he and his family left the party at the early hour of midnight: when you have a newborn it is important to get them on a schedule, and I highly doubt that Faith's daily schedule includes midnight romps at the

Playboy Mansion with Paris Hilton. If this much has already gone wrong for Faith Grammer in the first 3 months of her life, I cannot wait to see what the next 20 or so will bring. It is unlikely that Kelsey

Grammer will become a better father over time, considering that he already has four other children.

Hopefully "Maury" will still be on the air when Faith becomes a teenager so the Grammer family's twisted saga can play out on television. I wish this girl nothing but luck, because with parents like these she's going to need it.

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Cheating robs people of opportunities



Let's do a throwback. Previously, I wrote an opinion piece about plagiarism: copying others work and passing it off as your own. Plagiarism is a form of cheating — one of a multitude that occur more often than many

would think. Challenge Success, a group aimed at fixing problems in the way classes are taught, did a survey of high school seniors. When asked if they had cheated on an assignment or test, 97 percent said that they had within the last year alone, according to a Oct. 25 CNN article by Denise Pope. Of those students, 75 percent had done so multiple times in the same time frame.

This overwhelming majority refutes my argument that cheating doesn't pay. From the looks of it, only large groups are ever caught because of the sheer numbers involved, like the entire history class at Harvard I mentioned in my previous article. I can hardly say that there is a real punishment for the crime of cheating

when the hypothetical sword of Damocles hangs from the ceiling, rusted and dull.

That is not to say cheating is good, but let's be real for a moment: the current dynamic is dynamic in name

Ťhe only place where cheaters are punished is in professional baseball — after the fact. Take a look at every steroid user who was considered for the Hall of Fame. None of them are ever going to be voted in.

Yet look at NASCAR and "Star Trek." NASCAR has given us the old phrase, "If you're not cheating, you're not trying," and in Star Trek, Captain Kirk is famous for hacking the simulator and beating the unbeatable "Kobayashi Maru." He did so well he was given a distinguished service award as a cadet.

We have embraced cheating while denouncing it at the same time. This kind of mixed message, stemming from the classroom, is what Challenge Success hopes to change as they work to emphasize methods of learning, rather than test scores.

Another piece of the puzzle is instructor apathy versus student apathy. Part of what is thought to encourage cheating is pressure to achieve rather than to learn. The question is more often "How are you doing in class?" as opposed to the more favorable "What did

you learn today?"

This begs the question: What does cheating take away from us, since the consequences are hard to

It cheats us of opportu-

When it comes down to it, parents can only encourage upstanding behavior from a distance. As students, it is up to us to overcome an instructor's attitude toward the class since we are the only ones, ultimately, who control our actions.

So is cheating necessary? I would venture that some forms of cheating are more passe than inexcusable. Take jaywalking for instance. 'Common sense" tells us that crossing the middle of a street when there is no traffic is OK. Finding a crosswalk is too time consuming when simply crossing doesn't hurt anyone.

The crux of the matter is whether or not cheating, even in its passe form, is still bad. Using this analogy, yes. Common sense just told you to meander through the street and hope no cars come. Cheating robs you of your chances to practice doing things right, but, more importantly, it robs you of your creativity.

Patrick White is a junior in journalism and mass communications. Please send comments to opinion@

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Black Student Union focuses on retention, leadership, not exclusion

This letter is in response to the article, "Exclusion of students silences identity expression, has harsh ramifications" by Jakki Thompson. As one of the "African -American Student Organizations" that Thompson refers to in the article, the Black Student Union, also known as BSU, is completely outraged about the accusations made against our organization.

BSU focuses on the retention, development and leadership of students with a primary focus on the African-American community. To state that our organization is "homophobic" and that our student leaders "force their personal values and beliefs on other members" is completely disrespectful and contradictory to everything for which our organization

In a previous article, "Minorities Students need to stand united, not divided," Thompson referred to a BSU event, saying that we did not include her LGBT sorority because BSU "didn't do their research into what constitutes or who is included in the multicultural student organizations realm."

We took Thompson's advice, did our research, and found that the sororities she referred to are not listed as Multicultural Student Organizations. In fact, their organization falls under the Panhellenic Council and not the Office of Diversity, where other MSOs fall.

The point we wish to make here is that it is not BSU's mission to be an umbrella organization for every diverse group that thinks it's a multicultural student organization.

For over a year, Thompson has covered our events and we welcomed her into our community, and even honored her with awards at our awards ball. So how is it that the same African-American student organizations that fully embraced her are now homophobic? If Thompson's real concern is homophobia, then why not address real homophobes? You will not solve that issue by turning on organizations that have done nothing to deserve that title.

In conclusion, BSU focuses on the retention, development and leadership of students with a primary focus on the African-American community. Every member is free to believe and think as he or she chooses,

but our student leaders do not impose their beliefs on

Instead, BSU is a safe haven where students come to be themselves, exercise critical thinking and discuss issues relative to our community. BSU has been a strong force on K-State's campus for over 40 years, because we empower and uplift students. Thompson's article has deeply hurt and offended us, and we will not tolerate being publicly or privately slandered by anyone.

The purpose of this letter is to set the record straight once and for all. We will not be addressing this matter any further, regardless if we keep being attacked. We have stated our beliefs and purpose, and we strongly stand by them. We have been, and will continue to be a prominent force on this campus.

If you would like to learn more about the Black Student Union and what we stand for, feel free to visit our website, ksu.edu/bsu, follow us on Twitter @KSUBSU or contact us on Facebook at KSU Black Student Union.

Anita Easterwood president, Black Student



Homophobia not specific to certain race; LGBT groups invite discussion

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the article written by Jakki Thompson that ran on Nov. 9. It was apparent that no leaders of any of the Multicultural Student Organizations or any LGBT individuals were interviewed on record for their respective points of view regarding the opinion piece that was written. As leaders of the LGBT community, we would like to state that, though Jakki is part of this community, her opinions are not reflective of the community as a whole.

We respect Jakki for her opinion, but it does not align with the majority viewpoint. As far as we know, none of the leaders of the LGBT community have been approached by members in this community with issues of being intentionally excluded by other MSOs.

To address the topic of homophobia that was mentioned in the article, we would like to respond by saying that homophobia is everywhere, in all groups. It does not matter if you are Black or White, high class or low class, religious or not. It exists. To target one specific group is not the proper way to combat this.

That being said, we would like to take this as an opportunity to open up a dialogue between the LGBT community and the other MSOs. We realize that this is not exactly the most diamond-studded way to do this but we are hoping to 1) clear up any confusion and discrepancies that have been caused by this article and 2) improve the connections that we do have.

We recognize that, while our discriminations are not the same, it is still discrimination. We are hoping that each respective group can identify with one another. Our differences and similarities are things that can bring us together and improve our relationships. Through unity and education, we hope to enhance K-State's diversity. We encourage anyone to

get in contact with the LGBT Resource Center or any of the leaders of the LGBT community about how to reconcile this issue and we will do the same with the other MSOs.

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VET | 'We worked really hard to have high-quality medicine'

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in that it has been accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association. The AAHA provides standards for veterinary medicine and educational opportunities.

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In order to become AAHA accredited, a hospital is evaluated on over 900 veterinary standards of excellence.

"Basically, we ask them to come in, and they spend a whole day going through records, going through each section checking anesthesia, dentistry, how we treat the clients and pets, how we do surgical scrubs, appointments, vaccines, whether or not we have a handbook," Lindquist said. "They're just very thorough."

The hospital became accredited in November of 2010, and continues to strive for excellence as AAHA

"I am very excited to be working at an AAHA accredited hospital.'

Dr. Jennifer McMeans

associate veterinarian at Little Apple Veterinary Hospital

nary medicine," said Corinne Ryan, member advocate and accreditation supervisor for AAHA, in an email interview. Because of its accreditation, the

Little Apple Veterinary Hospital and its resident veterinarians hold themselves to a higher standard. "I am very excited to be working at an AAHA accredited hospital, said Dr. Jennifer McMeans, associate veterinarian, in an email inter-

view. "I remember being a senior veterinary student and having our professors tell us to be picky when choosing a clinic to work at, because the level of medicine they practice at that hospital will most likely end up what you'll practice in the future.

"I feel that at Little Apple we try our hardest to provide the best quality of medicine available, and I feel privileged to be mentored by our more senior veterinarians. I feel that by working at Little Apple and practicing by the standards put in place by AAHA, it has made me a better veterinarian."

raises the bar.

"AAHA routinely sends out fliers to tell us of any new regulation. We just recently received a flier telling about a new requirement that deals with training somebody who is pregnant and the safety associated with that. Each year they become more stringent, and we're evaluated every three years," Lindquist said. "We already do most of these things, but it helps to have them in writing that we've done it."

Besides Little Apple Veterinary Hospital, the nearest accredited veterinary hospitals are in Topeka. The veterinarians, technicians and staff of Little Apple Veterinary Hospital try to show their commitment to Manhattan's animals through hard work and dedication.

"We worked really hard to have high-quality medicine and care anyway, but then the accreditation was just a way to kind of test ourselves and say that we've passed these requirements," Lindquist said. "It helps our staff know that they're doing a good job."

BBALL | New facility offers multiple courts

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The reception center serves as a lobby with service desks for each team on either side and a large interactive screen that lets fans learn the intimate details of K-State basketball from the current uniforms to the rich history of the program.

The east entrance serves as a bit of a "Hall of Honor" showcasing some renowned former K-State players and coaches as well as housing Big 12 and NCAA trophies.

The west entrance leads to the observation balconies, while the east entrance flows into the actual prac-

"As you can see, we have the two courts," Weiberg told those in attendance. "They are virtually identical except for the men's and women's NCAA and player banners and décor on each team's respective court."

Though the courts are separate, they are housed in one giant space, and can be joined or separated by the lowering or rising of a mechanical divider placed underneath an upper floor balcony that runs above the two courts. This provides additional space and observation areas

Weiberg noted that before the facility was built, K-State's basketball teams were relegated to conducting practice on the Bramlage court, a fact that often caused difficulties with court availability and spatial constraints for both teams. With the new facility, these issues are no longer a problem, and if only one squad is practicing at a particular time, both courts are readily available for that team's use.

Players also have key card and code access to the facilities at any

"So if a player gets done with schoolwork and wants to come in and shoot around at 10 p.m., they can do that," Weiberg said.

The two teams, as well as athletes from all of K-State's various NCAA sports, will utilize other areas of the facility as well.

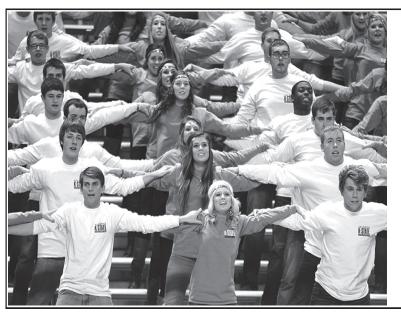
The men and women share the brand new weight and strength room, which includes a series of specially-made weight racks to accommodate the height of some of K-State's men's basketball players.

Athletes from all sports have been taking advantage of the examination rooms and the water training and conditioning facilities. This area of the complex is home to a cold pool, which is set to a constant 48 degrees and aids in athlete recovery after strenuous exercise.

Brandon Yoder, head men's basketball trainer, said that the iPod outlet and speaker system is about the only way that he can get some of the players to remain in the pool the 20 minutes needed at certain times.

Next to the cold pool is a \$250,000 underwater conditioning pool, Weiberg explained. The "Hydroworks 2000" is kept at around 90 degrees and its water levels rise and fall with the ease of a computer command. It comes equipped with a treadmilltype floor that allows athletes to undergo rehabilitation and conditioning at speeds of up to 8 miles per hour, while the underwater nature of the exercises limits strain on sore and injured joints.

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RATE | 'She is so much fun,' one student says

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After graduating from K-State, she began her teaching career, moving from one place to another. She has taught in public schools and even in a one-room school. She has also taught in several different states and in all levels, from kindergarten to college.

"They all have something to teach me — even the kinder-gartners," Whitney-Bammerlin said. "It's a mutual exchange of knowledge."

Whitney-Bammerlin finally returned to teach at K-State first in the College of Education, then moving to Research and Extension in Human Ecology. She now teaches various management classes for the College of Business Administration.

She is also the recipient of various awards, including the Presidential Undergraduate Teaching award, a very prestigious award that recognizes undergraduate teachers for excellence in teaching.

Along with her teaching duties, Whitney-Bammerlin is a faculty adviser for Students In Free Enterprise and has developed various courses to keep the management curriculum current, according to Chwen Sheu, head of the management

department.
"Most importantly, her passion for helping students cannot be measured by awards," Sheu said.

In her classes, Whitney-Bammerlin provides a teaching style that some students prefer.

"She has a broader teaching style," said Natalia Caldarera, senior in business marketing and management.

Caldarera previously took Whitney-Bammerlin's Organizational Behavior course and is now enrolled in Management of Diversity.

"Some professors lecture or talk off PowerPoints," Caldarera said. "She is so much fun and enjoys talking about the subject. She likes to assign projects that push students out of their comfort zones."

For example, in her Management of Diversity class, students are asked to participate in an activity that they would not normally do and present a small report back to the class. Another unique aspect of Whitney-Bammerlin's class is that instead of calling tests "exams" or "quizzes," she calls

them "celebrations." "I like to call tests 'celebrations' because the students are celebrating what they know," Whitney-Bammerlin said. "The real test is 10 years from now and you see what the students are doing and how they are serving the greater good."

Part of Whitney-Bammerlin's teaching philosophy is to treat each student as a whole instead of teaching to just one part. Her analogy is like a doctor treating a sick patient. The physician will not look at one aspect of the patient's illness and neglect the rest of the

symptoms. As a teacher, Whitney-Bammerlin makes a conscious effort to know each student as a person and make a connection that lasts throughout the semester. If a student has not attended class for some time or is facing hard times, she will email that student in an effort to bring him or her back to

class and make a connection. "I would recommend to any student to take at least one class of hers, even if you're not a business major," said Chase Moore, senior in human resources. "You learn lifelong skills from her."

Red State Blues Band: rocking out and raising money



The Red State Blues Band, which is entirely comprised of K-State faculty and staff members, jam in the Union Courtyard on Wednesday afternoon. The band was

SUICIDE | Addressing issue, showing support can save lives

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then you realize how easy it is to

Hanson explained that showing people they are loved and cared about could make all the difference. She urges people not to be afraid to ask someone if they're considering committing suicide, but instead to sit down and let them know you're not judging them and understand where they're coming from.

Both Dieball and Hanson feel that the most important thing is to be aware of the signs and know how to act if you notice them. Dieball says that education about suicide and suicide prevention needs to be improved in health care fields and in schools so

that everyone is aware of where to go

to get help and information.

Dieball helped make sense of the suicide with the poem, "Civil War" by Reverend Weston Stevens. It describes the battle of those considering suicide in terms of a civil war.

While the young man lost the war, the poem instead focuses on his victories: the bravery and courage he showed on the battlefield, the kindness, thoughtfulness and love he showed for his family and friends. It says that no one can know what kind of suffering someone is going through when they consider suicide, but they deserve respect for fighting the battle and support on the battlefront.

Suicide can no longer be an issue that we turn away from and try to

bury. We need to be strong, to address and discuss the issue so that we can save others.

"It would be wonderful if another parent, another family never went through this, but that's not going to happen," Dieball said. "All we can do is try to have support for people and not treat people like they've done something wrong because family members or friends do this. Not to say nasty comments to people, and just to be kinder to each other about whatever

our troubles in life are. Nov. 17 is International Survivors of Suicide Day. For those seeking to get involved, there is a national suicideprevention walk to raise awareness, funds and honor memories of loved ones called "Out of the Darkness."

There isn't one occurring in Manhattan, but there is always room for one to be organized.

If you are considering suicide, need help with stress or time management, haven't been feeling like yourself lately or just need someone to talk to, you can visit Counseling Services on campus, located in 232 English/Counseling Services Building, on the second floor. Their phone number is 785-532-6927 and their email is counsel@kstate.edu.

There is also a national 24/7 phone line to help those considering suicide who need someone to talk to: 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Cara Hillstock is a sophomore in English and theatre. Please send comments to edge@kstatecollegian.com.

If someone you know is showing some of these signs, encourage them to get help:

Appearing sad or depressed most of the time

Sudden appearance change (such as going from excessively neat to sloppy, as if they don't care anymore)

A change in eating or sleeping habits

Withdrawing from family and friends

Trouble concentrating, or suddenly falling performance on

Talking or writing about death, suicide, feeling hopeless, trapped or guilty

Not taking pleasure in favorite activities or things

Acting impulsively

A sudden cheerful or calm mood after being depressed or sad for a long time (due to having decided on suicide as a "solution")

Two Fort Riley soldiers killed over Veteran's Day weekend





Capt. James D. Nehl (left) was killed on Nov. 9 in Afghanistan. Nehl was from Gardiner, Ore., and joined the Army in 2007. Staff Sgt. Matthew Stiltz (right), from Spokane, Wash., died on Nov. 12, on his third deployment.

Karen Sarita Ingram edge editor

Giving away favorite possessions

Two Fort Riley soldiers have died recently in separate combat incidents.

Capt. James D. Nehl, 37, of Gardiner, Ore. was killed in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire on Nov. 9. He was an infantry officer assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Nehl joined the Army in 2007 and arrived at Fort Riley in May. This was his first deployment to Afghanistan. He had previously deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Staff Sgt. Matthew Stiltz, 26, of Spokane, Wash., died of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with indirect fire on Nov. 12. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan., as an infantryman.

Stiltz was the middle of three children and is also survived by his parents and wife. He arrived at Fort Riley in February 2006. This was his third deployment, as he served two deployments to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Stiltz was posthumously promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. His family learned of his death on Monday, the day after Veteran's









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